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**Are Bird Migrations Affected by an Extreme Southern Winter?**

— The extraordinary cold, combined with snow, which affected the Southern States February 8 to 14, undoubtedly had a very destructive effect on the birds of that region. A correspondent of the *Boston Transcript* sends to that paper the following clipping from the *Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier*:

“On Tuesday a gentleman flushed a woodcock in the neighborhood of the City Hall, and a little later in the day a colored man captured one on Broad Street. The poor bird was too cold to make much use of its wings to effect its escape. At Mount Pleasant numbers of them, together with quail, were found near the habitations of men, and caught. They were evidently driven in from the fields and woods by cold and hunger, and thus made themselves easy victims to the pot hunter. More than half a dozen negroes were seen yesterday with large bunches of birds, consisting of quail, woodcock, and doves, which they had found, no doubt, in a partially frozen condition. This illustrates how even the wildest creatures are sometimes driven by extreme cold and hunger to take the most desperate chances in search of food, and how for the time they become as tame as domestic animals and birds. No doubt there will be a great scarcity of game another year, for large numbers of the smaller animals and birds, especially birds, must have perished from the intense cold of the last few days.”

Have any students of this spring's migrations noticed any diminution in the number of birds?